

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Laut Reg. No. 47736 on 4-7-2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as shown below:

Claim 8: A system for copy-protecting a digital audio-visual signal, comprising: an encoder configured to encode the digital audio-visual signal to obtain an encoded signal;

 a converter configured to convert the encoded signal into a copy protected signal using a computer program product comprising a computer usable medium for copy protection including a computer readable program, wherein the computer readable program when executed on a computer causes the computer to: use a copy protection data signal representing copy protection data to prevent using the digital audio-visual signal without access to the copy protection data;

 a scrambler configured to scramble the copy protected signal into a scrambled signal;

 a transmitter configured to transmit the scrambled signal and the copy protection data signal as a single signal to a receiver for subsequent recovery of said digital audio- visual signal;

 a hardware processor including a computer program product comprising a computer usable medium including a computer readable program, wherein the computer readable program when executed on the processor causes the processor to:

recover said scrambled signal from the single signal;
a descrambler configured to descramble the recovered scrambled signal to
regain said copy protected signal; and
a reconverter configured to convert the regained copy protected signal back into
said encoded signal using an inverse copy protection function, wherein the inverse
function utilizes said stored copy protection data.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3869. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise, can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is: (571) 273-8300.

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